

surviving Members for a 45-day period until we can have special elections to replace Members of Congress who might have been killed in such an attack; or we could follow a different model under which we would have this Congress populated for a temporary period by persons who are appointed under a previously prescribed procedure until we could have a special election so that we would again have elected representatives for each of the 435 districts in this House.

I much prefer the latter. I do not think it is a good idea, as this bill does, to, in effect, create a situation in which we would have one-man rule for 45 days. We could have literally only a handful of Members of Congress who had survived an attack, and I do not think under those circumstances that we want to be ruled by a President without any kind of checks and balances whatsoever.

So there is an honest, intellectual difference of opinion on this question. And I think we are going down the wrong road. I think that by choosing the model that was chosen, what is happening is that we are in fact choosing form over substance. It is indeed important to have persons who represent each of our districts be elected representatives. But if the Member from an individual district is blown away in a terrorist attack, it is in my judgment, better that that district be represented on a temporary basis by an appointed person rather than having them represented by no one at all for that period.

So that is why I think that this House in its haste to find a solution is going down the wrong road.

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. OBEY. I yield to the gentleman from Illinois.

Mr. LAHOOD. I wonder if the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY) would, since I gave him a friendly reminder, would be willing to vote for the bill now as a result from the fact now that you could now expound on this for another 5 minutes?

Mr. OBEY. No, I do not think so. I think there is always room in this place for protest votes, and this is one occasion when I intend to exercise it; but I thank the gentleman for his efforts.

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. LAHOOD).

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I just want to say this. We did have a very spirited debate on this issue of continuity. We really did. I do not know if there were 5 or 6 or 7 hours, but the gentleman from Washington (Mr. BAIRD) had his chance to present his bill and have a vote on it. And, frankly, not very many Members voted for it. And we did have a good debate about it, but I think ultimately the Speaker decided that we have to get on with this issue and this was the place to put it.

It may not be the best place, but it is in this bill because I think the Speaker felt an obligation that we have to deal with this issue at some point. It may not be perfect, but we did have a very good debate about it, and I think that is why it is included in the bill.

I thank the chairman for allowing me to explain that.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WALDEN of Oregon). Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the conference report.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the conference report.

Pursuant to clause 10 of rule XX, the yeas and nays are ordered.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2006

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of agreeing to the conference report on the bill, H.R. 2361, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the conference report.

Pursuant to clause 10 of rule XX, the yeas and nays are ordered.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the minimum time for the electronic vote on the question of adoption of the conference report on H.R. 2985.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 410, nays 10, not voting 14, as follows:

[Roll No. 450]
YEAS—410

Abercrombie
Ackerman
Aderholt
Akin
Alexander
Allen
Baca
Bachus
Baird
Baker
Baldwin
Barrett (SC)
Barrow
Bartlett (MD)
Barton (TX)
Bass
Bean
Beauprez
Becerra
Berkley
Berman
Berry
Biggert
Bilirakis
Bishop (GA)
Bishop (NY)
Bishop (UT)
Blackburn
Blumenauer
Blunt
Boehlert
Boehner
Bonilla

Bonner
Bono
Boozman
Boren
Boswell
Boucher
Boustany
Boyd
Bradley (NH)
Brady (PA)
Brady (TX)
Brown (OH)
Brown (SC)
Brown, Corrine
Brown-Waite,
Ginny
Burgess
Burton (IN)
Butterfield
Buyer
Calvert
Camp
Cannon
Cantor
Capito
Capps
Capuano
Cardin
Cardoza
Carnahan
Carter
Case
Castle

Chabot
Chandler
Chocola
Clay
Cleaver
Clyburn
Coble
Cole (OK)
Conaway
Conyers
Cooper
Costa
Costello
Crenshaw
Crowley
Cubin
Culberson
Cummings
Cunningham
Davis (AL)
Davis (CA)
Davis (IL)
Davis (KY)
Davis (TN)
Davis, Jo Ann
Davis, Tom
Deal (GA)
DeFazio
DeGette
Delahunt
DeLauro
DeLay
Dent

Diaz-Balart, L.
Diaz-Balart, M.
Dicks
Doggett
Doolittle
Doyle
Drake
Dreier
Edwards
Ehlers
Emanuel
Emerson
Engel
English (PA)
Eshoo
Etheridge
Evans
Everett
Farr
Fattah
Feeney
Ferguson
Filner
Fitzpatrick (PA)
Foley
Forbes
Ford
Fortenberry
Fossella
Foxy
Frank (MA)
Frelinghuysen
Gallegly
Garrett (NJ)
Gerlach
Gibbons
Gilchrest
Gingrey
Gohmert
Gonzalez
Goode
Goodlatte
Gordon
Granger
Green (WI)
Green, Al
Green, Gene
Grijalva
Gutierrez
Gutknecht
Hall
Harman
Harris
Hart
Hastert
Hastings (FL)
Hastings (WA)
Hayes
Hayworth
Herger
Herseth
Higgins
Hinchey
Hinojosa
Hobson
Hoekstra
Holden
Holt
Honda
Hooley
Hostettler
Hoyer
Hulshof
Hunter
Hyde
Inglis (SC)
Inslee
Israel
Issa
Istook
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee
(TX)
Jefferson
Jenkins
Jindal
Johnson (CT)
Johnson (IL)
Johnson, E. B.
Johnson, Sam
Jones (OH)
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Keller
Kelly
Kennedy (MN)
Kennedy (RI)
Kildee
Kilpatrick (MI)

Kind
King (IA)
King (NY)
Kingston
Kirk
Kline
Knollenberg
Kolbe
Kucinich
Kuhl (NY)
LaHood
Langevin
Lantos
Larsen (WA)
Larson (CT)
Latham
LaTourette
Leach
Lee
Levin
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (GA)
Lewis (KY)
Linder
Lipinski
LoBiondo
Lofgren, Zoe
Lowey
Lucas
Lungren, Daniel
E.
Mack
Maloney
Manzullo
Marchant
Markey
Marshall
Matheson
Matsui
McCarthy
McCauley (TX)
McCollum (MN)
McCotter
McCrery
McDermott
McGovern
McHenry
McHugh
McIntyre
McKeon
McKinney
McMorris
McNulty
Meehan
Meek (FL)
Meeks (NY)
Melancon
Menendez
Mica
Michaud
Millender
McDonald
Miller (FL)
Miller (MI)
Miller (NC)
Miller, Gary
Miller, George
Mollohan
Moore (KS)
Moore (WI)
Moran (KS)
Moran (VA)
Murphy
Murtha
Musgrave
Myrick
Nadler
Napolitano
Neal (MA)
Neugebauer
Ney
Northup
Norwood
Nunes
Nussle
Oberstar
Obey
Ortiz
Osborne
Otter
Owens
Oxley
Pallone
Pascarell
Pastor
Payne
Pearce
Pelosi
Peterson (MN)

Peterson (PA)
Pickering
Pitts
Platts
Poe
Pommo
Pomeroy
Porter
Price (GA)
Price (NC)
Pryce (OH)
Putnam
Radanovich
Rahall
Ramstad
Rangel
Regula
Rehberg
Reichert
Reyes
Reynolds
Rogers (AL)
Rogers (KY)
Rogers (MI)
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Ross
Rothman
Roybal-Allard
Royce
Ruppersberger
Rush
Ryan (OH)
Ryan (WI)
Ryan (KS)
Sabo
Salazar
Sanchez, Linda
T.
Sanchez, Loretta
Sanders
Saxton
Schiff
Schwartz (PA)
Schwarz (MI)
Scott (VA)
Sensenbrenner
Serrano
Sessions
Shadegg
Shaw
Shays
Sherman
Sherwood
Shinkus
Shuster
Simmons
Simpson
Skelton
Slaughter
Smith (NJ)
Smith (TX)
Smith (WA)
Snyder
Sodrel
Solis
Souder
Spratt
Stark
Stearns
Strickland
Stupak
Sullivan
Sweeney
Tancredo
Tanner
Tauscher
Taylor (MS)
Taylor (NC)
Terry
Thomas
Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Thornberry
Tiahrt
Tiberi
Tierney
Towns
Turner
Udall (CO)
Udall (NM)
Upton
Van Hollen
Velázquez
Vislosky
Walden (OR)
Walsh
Wamp

Wasserman Weldon (PA) Wilson (SC)
Schultz Weller Wolf
Waters Westmoreland Woolsey
Watson Wexler Wu
Watt Whitfield Wynn
Weiner Wicker Young (AK)
Weldon (FL) Wilson (NM) Young (FL)

NAYS—10

Dingell Graves Pence
Duncan Hefley Petri
Flake Hensarling
Franks (AZ) Jones (NC)

NOT VOTING—14

Andrews Davis (FL) Renzi
Carson Gillmor Schakowsky
Cox Lynch Scott (GA)
Cramer Olver Waxman
Cuellar Paul

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Mr. HEFLEY changed his vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Messrs. BUTTERFIELD, MACK, BLUMENAUER, and STARK changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the conference report was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. RENZI. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, July 28, 2005 I was unavoidably detained and missed the House of Representative's vote on the adoption of the Conference Report on H.R. 2361, Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2006. Had I been present I would have voted “yea” on H.R. 2361.

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 450, Interior Appropriations bill, had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. JONES of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on vote No. 450 regarding adoption of the Conference Report on H.R. 2361—the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2006—my vote was recorded in a manner inconsistent with my intent. Let the RECORD show that my vote should have been recorded as “yea” not “nay.”

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2985, LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2006

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BASS). The pending business is the question of agreeing to the conference report on the bill, H.R. 2985, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the conference report.

Pursuant to clause 10 of rule XX, the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 305, nays 122, not voting 7, as follows:

[Roll No. 451]

YEAS—305

Abercrombie Akin Baca
Ackerman Alexander Bachus
Aderholt Allen Baker

Barrett (SC) Gohmert Nunes
Bartlett (MD) Gonzalez Nussle
Barton (TX) Goodlatte Ortiz
Bass Granger Osborne
Beauprez Green, Al Otter
Berkley Hall Owens
Biggett Harman Oxley
Billakis Hart Pascrell
Bishop (GA) Hastert Pastor
Bishop (UT) Hastings (FL) Payne
Blackburn Hastings (WA) Pearce
Blunt Hayes Peterson (PA)
Boehlert Herger Pickering
Boehner Higgins Pitts
Bonilla Hinojosa Platts
Bonner Hobson Poe
Bono Hoekstra Pombo
Boozman Holden Porter
Boren Holt Price (NC)
Boucher Hostettler Pryce (OH)
Boustany Hoyer Putnam
Boyd Hunter Radanovich
Bradley (NH) Hyde Rahall
Brady (PA) Inglis (SC) Ramstad
Brady (TX) Issa Rangel
Brown (SC) Istook Regula
Brown, Corrine Jackson (IL) Rehberg
Burgess Jackson-Lee Reichert
Burton (IN) (TX) Reyes
Butterfield Jefferson Reynolds
Buyer Jenkins Rogers (AL)
Calvert Jindal Rogers (KY)
Camp Johnson (CT) Rogers (MI)
Cannon Johnson (IL) Ros-Lehtinen
Cantor Johnson, E. B. Rothman
Capito Johnson, Sam Royce
Capps Kanjorski Ruppersberger
Capuano Keller Rush
Cardin Kelly Ryan (OH)
Carnahan Kennedy (RI) Ryan (OH)
Carter King (IA) Ryan (WI)
Case King (NY) Ryun (KS)
Castle Kingston Sabo
Cleaver Kirk Sánchez, Linda
Clyburn Kline T.
Cole (OK) Knollenberg Saxton
Conaway Kolbe Schiff
Costa Kuhl (NY) Schwartz (PA)
Cox LaHood Schwarz (MI)
Cramer Langevin Scott (GA)
Crenshaw Lantos Scott (VA)
Crowley Larsen (WA) Sensenbrenner
Cubin Larson (CT) Serrano
Cuellar Latham Sessions
Culberson LaTourette Shadegg
Cummings Leach Shaw
Cunningham Levin Sherwood
Davis (AL) Lewis (CA) Shuster
Davis (FL) Lewis (KY) Simmons
Davis (IL) Linder Simpson
Davis (KY) LoBiondo Skelton
Davis (TN) Lucas Smith (NJ)
Davis, Tom Lungren, Daniel Smith (TX)
Deal (GA) E. Smith (WA)
Delahunt Mack Sodrel
DeLauro Manzullo Souder
DeLay Marchant Strickland
Dent Matsui Stupak
Diaz-Balart, L. McCarthy Sullivan
Diaz-Balart, M. McCaul (TX) Sweeney
Dingell McCotter Taylor (NC)
Doolittle McCrery Terry
Doyle McHenry Thomas
Drake McHugh Thompson (CA)
Dreier McIntyre Thompson (MS)
Edwards McKeon Thornberry
Ehlers McMorris Tiahrt
Emanuel McNulty Tiberi
Emerson Meeks (NY) Towns
Engel Mica Turner
English (PA) Michaud Upton
Eshoo Millender Visclosky
Evans McDonald Walden (OR)
Everett Miller (MI) Walsh
Farr Miller (NC) Wamp
Fattah Miller, Gary Wasserman
Ferguson Mollohan Schultz
Filner Moore (WI) Waters
Fitzpatrick (PA) Moran (KS) Watson
Foley Moran (VA) Watt
Fortenberry Murphy Waxman
Foxy Murtha Weiner
Frelinghuysen Myrick Weldon (FL)
Gallegly Napolitano Weldon (PA)
Gerlach Neal (MA) Weller
Gibbons Neugebauer Wexler
Gilchrest Ney Whitfield
Gillmor Northup Wicker
Gingrey Norwood

Wilson (NM) Wolf Young (AK)
Wilson (SC) Wynn Young (FL)

NAYS—122

Baird Green, Gene Miller, George
Baldwin Grijalva Moore (KS)
Barrow Gutierrez Musgrave
Bean Gutknecht Nadler
Becerra Harris Oberstar
Berman Hayworth Obey
Berry Hefley Olver
Bishop (NY) Hensarling Pallone
Blumenauer Herseth Pelosi
Boswell Hinchey Pence
Brown (OH) Honda Peterson (MN)
Brown-Waite, Hooley Petri
Ginny Hulshof Pomeroy
Cardoza Inslee Price (GA)
Chabot Israel Rohrabacher
Chandler Jones (NC) Ross
Chocola Jones (OH) Roybal-Allard
Coble Kaptur Salazar
Conyers Kennedy (MN) Sanchez, Loretta
Cooper Kildee Sanders
Costello Kilpatrick (MI) Shays
Davis (CA) Kind Sherman
Davis, Jo Ann Kucinich Shimkus
DeFazio Lee Slaughter
DeGette Lewis (GA) Snyder
Dicks Lipinski Solis
Doggett Lofgren, Zoe Spratt
Duncan Lowey Stark
Etheridge Maloney Stearns
Feeney Markey Tancredo
Flake Marshall Tanner
Forbes Matheson Tauscher
Ford McCollum (MN) Taylor (MS)
Fossella McDermott Tierney
Frank (MA) McGovern Udall (CO)
Franks (AZ) McKinney Udall (NM)
Garrett (NJ) Meehan Van Hollen
Goode Meek (FL) Velázquez
Gordon Melancon Westmoreland
Graves Menendez Woolsey
Green (WI) Miller (FL) Wu

NOT VOTING—7

Andrews Lynch Schakowsky
Carson Paul
Clay Renzi

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So the conference report was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. RENZI. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, July 28, 2005, I was unavoidably detained and missed the House of Representatives' vote on the adoption of the Conference Report on H.R. 2985, Legislative Branch Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2006. Had I been present I would have voted “yea” on H.R. 2985.

PROVIDING FOR AN ADJOURNMENT OR RECESS OF THE TWO HOUSES

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 225) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the concurrent resolution, as follows:

H. CON. RES. 225

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That, in consonance with section 132(a) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, when the House adjourns on the legislative day of Thursday, July 28, 2005, Friday, July 29, 2005, or Saturday, July 30, 2005, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6, 2005, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first; and that when the Senate